

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

March 2, 2005

LB 264

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. Senator Stuhr, on AM0499, offered by the Health and Human Services Committee.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I, too, want to echo my thanks to Senator Howard for bringing the bill and also to the Health Committee and Senator Jensen for rolling all of these issues into one. I do support the amendment and I do support the bill, and I have a couple questions for Senator Howard, if she would be willing to answer.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Howard, would you respond?

SENATOR HOWARD: Absolutely.

SENATOR STUHR: I was looking at the amendment and it lists a number of those services, and on line 21 it talks about secondary prevention services, which include the home visitation. What does that mean? Does that...this...when it talks about secondary, does that mean that those are less important than those previously listed? Could you explain that?

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, Senator, for this opportunity to provide an explanation. And, as in all professions, in social work we also have our words that need definition. Secondary preventative services refers to a program directed at recognizing, assessing, and achieving change in high-risk situations so that child neglect and child abuse do not occur, and that would include assessing situations such as young mothers, single parents, people with a child who has particular special difficulties that they haven't expected or they're not equipped to handle. So I hope that provides some information on that.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you.

SENATOR STUHR: And I have another question, a couple other questions. Was the home visitation service included previously,